

in the Western New York community. On behalf of the Western New York Community, I thank Dr. Muriel A. Howard for her friendship, and for her service to Western New York and Buffalo State College. I congratulate Dr. Howard on this most recent achievement and wish her the best of success as she assumes the role of president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities in Washington, D.C. I look forward to continuing the partnership we've formed and with gratitude and admiration, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in honoring an extraordinary woman of New York's 27th Congressional District, Dr. Muriel A. Howard.

IN RECOGNITION OF VEGAN  
EARTH DAY 2009 AT PIERCE COL-  
LEGE

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 19, 2009*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Vegan Earth Day 2009. On June 21, 2009 members of the community will promote and celebrate the healthy and environmentally sound, vegan lifestyle, abstaining from the consumption or use of animals or any animal bi-products.

Studies show that a vegan saves a ton and a half of carbon emissions per year. Vegans also require much less water in the production of their food. With the effects of climate change becoming more evident and water becoming more of a precious commodity, these individuals are leading the way to a cleaner and greener future by promoting the consumption of fruits, vegetables, nuts, grains and other organic foods. I also stand in recognition of the event's organizer, Bob Linden, as he continues to demonstrate outstanding leadership on conservation, humane treatment of animals, and healthy eating habits. This year's Vegan Earth Day will feature environmental and health experts, live music, animal adoptions and activities for kids that set the stage for other organizations across the country to follow in their footsteps.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of the program coordinator, Bob Linden, Pierce College, and the event volunteers as they celebrate Vegan Earth Day. I stand in recognition of the important contributions such an event will add to the promotion of living environmentally-conscious lifestyles across the country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 19, 2009*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, during an absence yesterday, I regrettably missed rollcall votes No. 365, No. 378, No. 388, and No. 395. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall No. 365: "no"; rollcall No. 378: "no"; rollcall No. 388: "yes"; rollcall No. 395: "no."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 19, 2009*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I missed one vote. I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 365, on agreeing to the Hodes of New Hampshire Amendment to H.R. 2847, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING EFFORTS TO END  
HOMELESSNESS IN HUDSON  
COUNTY

**HON. ALBIO SIRE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 19, 2009*

Mr. SIRE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor efforts in my district to end homelessness. County and municipal governments, non-profit organizations, and business leaders, with guidance from the federal government, have joined together to end chronic homelessness. For nearly three years, the Alliance to End Homelessness in Hudson County has worked collaboratively to develop the ten-year plan with input from government officials, non-profit organizations, and those agencies working closely with Hudson County's homeless population. The Alliance's ten-year plan consists of 45 action steps to end homelessness that includes building 650 units of housing and providing health care and support services to homeless individuals and homeless families dealing with temporary dislocation due to fire, job loss, domestic abuse and other crisis. This collaboration is important because wide support is needed to solve this problem. Recognizing that, United Way of Hudson County is honoring TD Bank for their work to end homelessness; Governor Jon Corzine for his leadership in the state on this issue; and Dr. Philip Mangano the former Executive Director of the U.S. Interagency Council to End Homelessness for his guidance and advice in establishing Hudson County's Alliance. So I rise today to offer my support to the United Way of Hudson County and the Alliance to End Homelessness in Hudson County and I wish them continued success in their fight against homelessness.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO GOLDEN  
HERITAGE FOODS

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 19, 2009*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an exceptional company located in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Golden Heritage Foods, a successful honey processing and distribution company, was named the 2009 "Enterprise of the Year."

Madam Speaker, there is no question that local businesses serve as one of the key building blocks of our state. Golden Heritage

Foods was established in 2002 through the joining of Barkman Honey Company located in Hillsboro, Kansas, and Stoller's Honey in Latty, Ohio. Since that time, the company has grown to become the second leading producer of branded retail honey sales and the top provider of honey in the United States to the food service industry.

While the company itself is relatively young, their legacy was well established prior to its founding due to over 40 years of hard work and dedication exhibited by both the Barkman and Stoller families. Not only has Golden Heritage Foods provided quality products since their opening, they have also created over 100 jobs for the citizens of Kansas and Ohio.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Golden Heritage Foods and its founders, Brent Barkman and Dwight Stoller. Our communities are well served by having dedicated entrepreneurs who assist in the growth and prosperity of our great nation. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great company on being named Van Wert, Ohio's 2009 "Enterprise of the Year" and wish them success in all future endeavors.

WE STAND UNITED FOR FREEDOM

**HON. CANDICE S. MILLER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 19, 2009*

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today to show support for those in Iran who are standing up for their rights and for those who seek freedom across the globe.

Tyrants who use violence and fear to suppress the voices of their citizens who seek freedom lose their legitimacy to govern.

Those who seek freedom and liberty across this globe must know that the American people stand with you.

We stand with you because we have a supreme desire to live up to the belief espoused in the founding document of our nation—

We hold these truths to be self evident—that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

And to secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

That is why we stand consistently with nations who conduct free, fair, and open elections.

That is why we stand with citizens of nations who are brave enough to stand up and demand their freedom.

America does not seek to impose any individual on the Iranian government or the Iranian people.

But America will always stand with those who peacefully demand their voices are heard.

IN HONOR OF GEORGE L. FORBES

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 19, 2009*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of George L. Forbes and in